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RE: Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Disposal Site

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the use of the proposed nuclear waste disposal site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

I know you have been advised by many far better informed people than I why this site is unsuitable but the personal reasons for my position are that:

- 1 • [The site has too many geologic unknowns associated with it. In particular its ability to provide safe nuclear storage from geological events such as earthquakes and the risk of groundwater nuclear contamination.
- The inherent risks of shipping nuclear waste across the country are unacceptable. There are no 'completely safe' transportation methods and, while some risk can be accepted for materials that pose time-limited risks in the event of accidents, nuclear waste is, for all practical purposes, permanent as are the ongoing genetic effects on living beings. This is of particular import to me because I live along a proposed major transport route.
- The use of Yucca Mountain is another usurpation of Native American's land and another cultural insult by the dominant White culture despite treaties. They already struggle with the effects of radioactive uranium mine tailings about which the government has done little and the proposed storage site is just one more violation with potential generational health effects.]
- 2 • [The rush to transport nuclear waste generated by privately owned nuclear facilities to a U.S. Government facility effectively removes that waste from the 'ledger' of those private companies thus making available more 'room' for them to generate additional nuclear waste which, in turn, the American people will store and dispose of at no cost to the nuclear industry. It is, in effect, another substantial governmental subsidy (corporate welfare) to the nuclear industry that has been utterly unable to sustain itself without

constant infusions of governmental 'life-support' cash over the last 50 years. Disposal of waste generated by private industry should be the responsibility of those industries that profit from services that create waste, not the American people regardless of the current administration's approach to super-fund clean up sites.]

[I oppose the use of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository.] *1 continued*

Respectfully,

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